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C O N F I D E N T I A L ABU DHABI 3332

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, TC, JO

SUBJECT: UAE PAYMENTS FOR JORDANIAN FMS CASES

REF: (A) ABU DHABI 3284 (280659Z NOV) AND 3224 (161150Z NOV)

(B) STATE 283129 (260358Z NOV)

1. NOT HAVING HEARD FROM AMMAN WHAT APPROACH GOJ HAS MADE TO UAE AND WITH DEC 15 DEADLINE RAPIDLY APPROACHING, I ASKED JORDANIAN AMB KHRAIS IF HE HAD ANY INSTRUCTIONS. HE HAD NOT NOR WAS HE AWARE OF THE MATTER. I ALSO MENTIONED MATTER TO MINISTER OF STATE FOR FONAFF RASHID ABDULLAH WHO ALSO UNBRIEFED AND REQUESTED THAT I CONVEY FACTS OF THE MATTER TO MINISTRY'S ECONOMIC ADVISOR WHICH I HAVE DONE.

2. ON DEC 1 I ALSO RAISED PAYMENT ON CASE ULM WITH ABU DHABI FINANCE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR JOHN BUTTER WHO IS THE MAN WHO MUST SIGN THE CHECK. AFTER REVIEWING FILE, BUTTER HAS TOLD ME THAT UAEG WAS AWARE THAT THERE MIGHT BE A SMALL ADDITIONAL AMOUNT DUE ON CASES ULM AND ULN. HIS FILES INDICATE THAT UAE WAS UNDER IMPRESSION AMOUNT  
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WOULD BE ABOUT \$1.6 MILLION. ABU DHABI DIRECTOR OF FINANCE HABROUSH, HOWEVER, HAD FELT THAT GOJ SHOULD ZMCOVER ANY OVERAGE AND THIS VIEW HAD BEEN CONVEYED BY UAE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN EARLY JANUARY 1976 TO JORDANIANS WHEN UAE MADE LAST PAYMENT. FILES INDICATED THAT UAE HAS NEVER RECEIVED REPLY ON THIS MATTER FROM GOJ.

3. BUTTER SAID HE COULD MAKE NO PAYMENT WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFIARS. HE FELT ISSUE WOULD HAVE TO BE THRASHED OUT BETWEEN UAE AND GOJ.

4. COMMENT: BUTTER REACTION IS WHAT WE HAD EXPECTED AND CONFIRMS URGENCY OF GOJ INITIATING IMMEDIATE CONTACTS WITH UAEG IF AMMAN STILL RELYING UPON LATTER TO MEET COST OVERRUNS ON CASE ULM. THERE APPEARS BE LITTLE MORE WE CAN DO HERE TO GENERATE PAYMENT BY UAEG IN ABSENCE OF JORDANIAN INITIATIVE WE RECOMMENDED IN OUR 3284. DICKMAN

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